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Mr. Robert A. Malone
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RE: Design Plans for
Settling Basin
Bingham Mine
ACT/035/002
Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Malone:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining recently received notice of a State Health approval for the construction of a new Kennecott settling basin near the Bingham City Cemetery and its associated discharge into Bingham Creek.

Design plans were referenced as UD-2002-D through UD-2008-D and associated supporting information as submitted to the Department of Health on February 10, 27 and March 15, 1984.

The Division requests that a copy of these approved plans be provided to this office to incorporate into our files for Kennecott's Bingham Mine operations. These plans should have been submitted to this Division at the same time as they were submitted to the Division of Environmental Health for our technical review and concurrent approval.

Apparently, some confusion or misunderstanding exists regarding the requirement to file a formal notice with this Division when pertinent operational changes or revisions to Kennecott's Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) are being considered for implementation. The Division routinely requires this information from all active mining operations prior to the implementation of these types of changes in order that we maintain a current and approved mining and reclamation plan.

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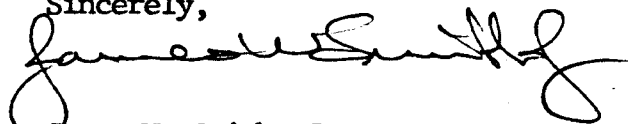
The Division interprets section 40-8-18 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act to mean that the operator may elect to revise mining operations, but is required to file a notice of intention subject to Division approval in the same manner as the original notice.

Also, as a follow-up to the Division's letter (dated July 12, 1983) to Mr. T. T. Pinder, we would request the opportunity to comment on and receive copies of the results of any data generated as part of the recent ongoing ground water monitoring program.

The above information, in addition to any other significant changes in the Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) which have occurred since the last MRP update should be provided to the Division by June 29, 1984 to update the plan on file. [Some examples of the types of changes which would warrant a revision to the MRP include: records of mine water discharge, flow and quality; changes or additional discharge locations for mine water or waste water treatment; new sedimentation ponds or modifications to existing impoundments and embankments; new disturbed areas; new topsoil stockpiles (volumes and locations); new materials and equipment storage areas; new roads, new conveyors, shafts, etc.].

Your cooperation and assistance in keeping the Division cognizant of Kennecott's ongoing activities and planned revisions is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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